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IN A TELEPHONIC VOICE  
CONNECTION

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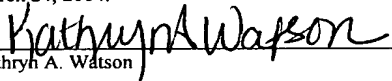
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**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper; and

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 13 of this paper; and

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 24.